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VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Dear Editor: It has been suggested that if those nurses who are already taking vocational training under the Federal Board would write the *Journal*, it might be the means of interesting some of those nurses who are as yet unaware of the opportunities open to them through the government vocational plan, or who are carelessly neglecting them. Any nurse who finds herself unable to take up her profession where she left it, through disability of any sort, should consult, at her earliest opportunity, either the Red Cross Division Director of Nursing or the District Vocational Officer of the Federal Board. I can assure her that she will meet with the utmost courtesy and an earnestness on the part of the directors to do all in their power to assist and advise her along the most modern and constructive lines. She will find expert vocational advisers and, depending on her disability status and her physical and mental qualifications, a vast field of new opportunities. Among the many might be mentioned, dietetics, secretarial work, bacteriology, x-ray work, farming, poultry raising, horticulture, landscape gardening, bee raising and various phases of social service and public health work. It is, of course, the desire of the government and to the advantage of the individual, also, to select a vocation built as much as is consistently possible upon the groundwork of the past, but with practically any vocation to choose from, that is not at all difficult. There is another point in this connection with which nurses apparently are not familiar and that is the care and treatment to which they are entitled under the War Risk Insurance Board "for a disability or condition which may result in disability at a future time" acquired in line of duty. While suffering from such disabilities which preclude vocational training, a nurse is entitled to hospital care. Following recovery she is entitled to vocational training. There are different classes and grades of disabilities. They may be mental, nervous or physical. Let the medical experts in the Public Health Service determine that. Meanwhile do not delay. The government puts a time limit on this after-discharge care and it behooves the nurses who have acquainted themselves with the purposes of the government in this respect to pass the word on to those who know it not.

California

E. D. V.

HOW ONE SCHOOL HELPED THE MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Editor: At the recent nurses' convention in Atlanta, the sum of fifty dollars for the Memorial Fund was pledged from the training school of the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware. When the pupils of the school heard that this had been pledged they at once set to work individually and collectively to earn the amount. We set apart the first twelve days in May to work for the fund. The end of the time allotted being the 12th of May, and the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the pupils had an evening "At Home," when the money was handed in and counted, and not only were they able to contribute three times the amount pledged, but they were able to start with one hundred dollars, a fund for the training school. After the excitement of counting all the pennies and dimes, a short paper was read on the life of Florence Nightingale, and the pupils were given half an hour to write a brief outline of what had been read. A prize was awarded for the best paper, refreshments served, and we felt an instructive and pleasant evening had been spent. The pupils are now busy preparing to present the Nightingale tableaux and the sum realized from the tableaux will

be added to the training school fund. The school has at present only thirty pupil nurses, so we feel their effort has been a most successful one.

Delaware

A. W. J.

STATE EXAMINATIONS

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading "State Examinations," by Grace H. Cameron in the May *Journal*. Perhaps the way my class prepared for the state board examination might be of some help to others. As soon as our superintendent finished reading her *Journal*, she laid it on the table in the nurses' reading room, where all had access to it. The whole senior class studied every list of questions published in it, no matter from what state. One pupil would read the list aloud; the others answering in turn. We answered off hand as many as we could, then looked up the others. If unable to find the meaning of a term, or anything definite relating to a subject, we cornered the doctor who was best fitted to tell us, and asked him. We never left any list until we were sure of more than just a mere passing grade. This was at the City Hospital of Huntington, W. Va.

Ohio

C. G.

(We greatly regret that we can no longer print lists of examination questions. However, they are not so much needed as in the past, in this form, as there are at least three excellent books published which serve the same purpose. Acting Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I have a number of copies of the Journal, 1918 and 1919, and all of 1920 from January to June, which I will sell for ten cents per copy. All are in good condition.

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IRENE M. COOLIS, R. N.

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820 Forest Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.

FANTINE PEMBERTON.

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Haverhill, Mass.

MAUDE L. WIGGEN.

IV.

Dear Editor: I have for disposal by sale these issues of the JOURNAL: complete volumes of XI, XII, XIII and XVIII; volume XVI excluding No. 6; volume XIV excluding Nos. 5 and 9; volume XV excluding Nos. 2 and 9.

County Nurse, Leon Decatur Co., Iowa.

AGNES SWIFT.